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 Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Y. HIRAIWA et al (see attached)

For:  
 DATA DUPLICATION CONTROL METHOD

Enclosed are:

10 Sheets of Drawings  
 This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.

Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2003-423464 (which is hereby filed December 19, 2003).  A certified copy is attached herewith. incorporated by reference)

Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and  discussed in the specification or  attached Information Disclosure Statement.

Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is hereby claimed.

Specification: Abstract  , Description 44 pages; and 6 claim(s).

Preliminary Amendment.

Executed Declaration.

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x 9	\$
x 42	\$
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